Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Generally speaking, any authentication process will have two steps. The first step is to initialize the authentication system by acquiring a reliable template of the item in question. In the weapon inspection application, this will be a representative weapon from the class of treaty-limited items. In the biometric application, initialization requires verification of the individual using information such as a birth certificate, driver's license, fingerprint, or deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) sample, and acquisition of the initial biometric. The initialization step requires that the representative item (e.g., weapon or person) be certified to truly be a member of the class. This generally requires additional off-line inspection processes that will not be discussed further.--